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22nd CD UPDATE: GOP ESTABLISHMENT BACKING FIRESTONE, WHILE DEMOS RALLY AROUND CAPPS.

Editor's note: More twists and turns, as political insiders attempt to sort out the complications arising from the sudden death Oct. 27th of freshman U.S. Rep. Walter Capps(D-Santa Barbara). No word yet as to when Gov. Pete Wilson will set the special election, but the first or second week of January seems likely, with a runoff in early March. Here's our update & analysis...

...Republican heavyweights in DC wasted little time in rallying around GOP Assemblyman Brooks Firestone of Santa Barbara -- once word that former Congressman Michael Huffington(R) was calling supporters and testing the waters. To say that the GOP congressional leadership *panicked* at the thought of Huff as the GOP nominee is an understatement. The GOP leadership knew what would happen: Demos would hold this *swing, coastal district* seat. But just to be sure they were right in that judgment, sources say the GOP House leadership and the NRCC asked Public Opinion Strategies to test the mood in the 22nd CD regarding Huffington. The results: **21%** positive vs. **57%** negative. For now, Huffington has *backed away* from the 22nd CD...

...Firestone is supposed to make a formal declaration Nov. 6 or 7 (after **Calpeek's** deadline) - and by doing so he'll take himself out of the GOP primary for LG in 1998. But **Calpeek** sources think this *could change*. Firestone wanted to get a *clear field* before running and at this point Dr. Rick Bravo, ex-San Luis Obispo Co. GOP chair, says he is staying in the 22nd CD race. Ditto for former Santa Barbara Co. Sup. Mike Stoker. And sources now say the GOP field could expand if Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro decides to run. Firestone is the *favorite* of the GOP Calif. House delegation, but with the Calif. GOP being such a *dysfunctional*

family, all bets are off. FYI: what's of interest here is that Stoker consultant Dave Gilliard and Bravo consultant Scott Taylor are both working on the Darrell Issa for U.S. Senate campaign. What if House Speaker Newt Gingrich called Issa and twisted a few arms???

...On the Demo side, sources now say the State Sen. Jack O'Connell of Santa Barbara has *no desire* to be in congress, is *very happy* in the 18th SD and will seek reelection next year. So now the Demos are courting Lois Capps, Walter's widow. Sources say she has met with consultant Bill Carrick, who ran Walter Capps' successful 1996 campaign against former Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '97: THE OFF YEAR ELECTIONS IN U.S. AND CALIF. PROVE AGAIN ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL.

Editor's note: If you're looking around for a specific political message from the Nov. 4th elections in the U.S. and around Calif. --- forget it. In most cases the favorites won and there weren't any huge surprises. Here is **Calpeek's** brief report & analysis...

◆ *National Overview* - No shocks at all. NY Mayor Rudy Giuliani(R) won a 2nd term by mashing Manhattan borough Pres. Ruth Messinger; the GOP held onto the 13th CD in NY with Vito Fosselia defeating Demo Eric Vitaliano; NJ Gov. Christine Whitman(R) had a scare, but edged out unknown NJ State Sen. James McGreevey(D) by a slim 47% to 46% margin; and in Virginia, AG James Gilmore held the governor's post in the GOP column by defeating Demo LG Don Beyer. Some political pundits think Whitman's narrow win in New Jersey, where conservatives sat on their hands or cast ballots for Libertarian Murray Sabrin, is an indication that the deep divide over *abortion* is still a big problem within the Republican Party...

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◆ **The Southwest & West** - In *Houston*, 4th largest U.S. city, voters rejected a 209-type local measure to ban affirmative action. That measure was rejected by a **54% No vs. 46% Yes** margin. In *Oregon*, supporters of the doctor-assisted suicide law were turning back efforts to repeal this 1994 law. Early returns had the NO side ahead with 60%. In *Washington State*, voters rejected just about everything on the ballot. Medical marijuana(I-685) was defeated **59% No vs. 41% Yes**. The very controversial handgun measure (I-676) was crushed **69% No vs. 31% Yes**...

◆ **California** - Several hundred cities and school districts around Calif. held off-year elections and there were some interesting developments. Here's a quick summary of key local races...

● **San Francisco** - S.F. Co. Sup. Susan Leal, who is both gay and a Latina, crushed two opponents to win the City Treasurer's job. She got 57.7%. A nice win for Staton Hughes & Shafer. Does Leal have a political future beyond S.F.? Perhaps...

...Measure G, to force *campaign consultants* to register with the County, won by a margin of 60.7% vs. 39.2%. The big question: will other counties & cities follow S.F.'s lead? A big win for S.F. Co. Sup. Tom Ammiano. Measure H, to repair the Central Freeway was a winner: 53% Yes vs. 47% No. And Measure F to keep the cross on Mt. Davidson also won: 68% Yes vs. 31.9% No. An easy win for consultant John Whitehurst...

● **San Bernardino** - There will be a Feb. 3rd runoff between educator Judith Valles and attorney Tim Prince to see who replaces Tom Minor as mayor of this Inland Empire city. Valles got 30.2% to finish ahead of Prince, who got 24.2%. There were 4 others in the race. The consultants were Rick Taylor for Valles and Ellis/Hart for Prince...

● **Orange County** - Voters in the Orange Unified School Dist. voted 86.5% vs. 13.5% to end bilingual education in the district. This was an advisory vote only, but the numbers have to be very encouraging to backers of a statewide initiative which would do the same thing. That initiative is still collecting signatures...

● **Thousand Oaks** - A huge amount of money was spent by developer interests in this Ventura Co. city to recall Councilwoman Elois Zeanah of Thousand Oaks. The recall was smashed by a margin of 66.7% No vs. 32.2% Yes. A very nice win for consultants Parke Skelton & Steve Gray-Barkan. The recall proponents spent more than \$300,000. Stay tuned...

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CAMPAIGN '98: ODDS & ENDS FROM AROUND CALIF.

Editor's note: Here 's some recent news and developments worth noting about the 1998 election...

■ **The Lt. Governor's Race** - OK, Michael Huffington(R) is testing the waters for the LG's job and why not. With GOP Assemblyman Brooks Firestone now seriously looking at the open 22nd CD, the field is ripe for picking with only 2 unknown GOP State senators currently battling for the job: hardline conservative Dick Mountjoy, who has a very small following and hardly any money; and conservative Tim Leslie, who is battling cancer. On the Demo side, there's **no one**. Why? Although the campaign says they are in for the long haul, some Demo & GOper insiders think it's possible current LG Gray Davis may seek reelection and drop out of the governor's race if Dianne Feinstein gets in, the theory being he get mashed between DiFi and Mr. Big Bucks, Al Checchi...

...**Question**: why is Dan Lungren(R) looking so sickly these days? **Answer**: How would you like to share the top of the ticket in '98 with Mountjoy, Leslie or *Mr. Empty Suit*? So if Firestone is out of the LG's race, are there some other GOP Assemblymembers who might run for LG? **Calpeek** sources think Charles Poochigian of Fresno and Curt Pringle of Garden Grove are two possibilities...

■ **Governor's Race** - Demo Lt. Gov. Gray Davis' *carpet bombing* (via fax) campaign against rival Al Checchi continues with more reprints of nasty stories about Checchi and his running of Northwest Airlines. However, aside from the *Mercury News*, this info has yet to make it to other Calif. mainstream media outlets, although sources think other stories are in the works...

...FYI: Checchi is now online with a webpage: **http://www.alchecchi.com**. And sources tell **Calpeek** that the Checchi campaign is in the process of shooting tv spots for the campaign. One source expects Checchi to be on the air by Nov. 17th...

■ **Secretary of State** - News that Demo Michela Alioto was running for SOS caught Demo Tony Miller off guard. He was given the news at the 208 trial. On Friday, Oct. 31st, Miller called **Calpeek** and asked if there were any Demos running for LG. Hummm....

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: TWO MORE MEASURES HIT THE STREETS IN AN ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY FOR '98.

Editor's note: The Sec. of State's office says that with the addition of these two initiatives, there are now 19 on the street in circulation...

☑ Mental Health Care. Drug Prescription

Authority is the official title of this statute. The proponent is Dr. John Caccavale of the *Calif. Cmt. for the Mental Health Parity Initiative* ☎(818)971-3197. This measure would ban health care businesses from restricting access to mental health services and medication. Caccavale has until Mar. 23 to collect 433,269 valid signatures...

☑ Marriage Family Child Counselors. Licensed Clinical Social Workers. Substance Abuse Testing is the official title of this statute proposed by Star Moffatt of the *Miracle Star Women's Recovering Community for Mothers & Children* ☎(805)726-7177. This statute would require substance abuse testing for a whole range of social workers and counselors. Moffatt has until Mar. 23 to collect 433,269 valid signatures...

...FYI: In the latest Field Poll, 74% of those surveyed think initiatives are a "good thing for Calif." Only 7% called initiatives "bad." And 67% of those questioned in this new Field Poll said the initiative process should be established at the national level...

CAMPAIGN '98: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's another update on 1998 U.S. House races in Calif...

☑ 1st CD - Happy as an ant at a 4th of July picnic is how you'd probably describe State Sen. Mike Thompson(D), upon learning that last year's Demo nominee in the 1st CD, Michela Alioto, won't go for a '98 rematch with U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs(R). As **Calpeek** briefly mentioned last week, Alioto will run statewide for CA Secretary of State. News that there won't be a contested Demo primary is *not* good news for Riggs, who now becomes a top Demo target in '98...

☑ 42nd CD - This is the Inland Empire CD of U.S. Rep. George Brown Jr.(D-Colton), now in his 17th term in Congress and running for reelection in '98. Despite the fact that Brown has a serious Demo primary opponent, Assemblyman Joe Baca of San Ber-

nardino, Brown is still a very solid primary favorite. On the GOP side, sources think San Bernardino Sup. Court Judge Linda Wilde(R) will again run for the 42nd CD and pass up an easy '98 reelection to her judge's post. But Wilde may have some strong GOP competition. Environmental attorney Elia (pronounced Ely) Pirozzi of Rancho Cucamonga has entered the race and sources say he's already raised \$50,000 --- aiming for \$100,000 by the Jan. 31st reporting deadline. Pirozzi has hired McNally Temple as his campaign consultants...

	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>COH</u>
Brown(D-Inc.)	\$86,917	\$102,163
Baca(D)	\$22,508	\$ 14,423
Wilde(R)	\$ 100	\$ 6,066

RUDMAN TO DISCUSS BALANCED BUDGET PACT.

Former U.S. Sen. Warren Rudman(R-NH), who is the head of the *Concord Coalition*, will discuss the balanced budget agreement, 11:45 a.m., Nov. 14, Nikko Hotel, S.F. For info, contact the Commonwealth Club (415)415)597-6705...

DEMO AL CHECCHI AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

Calif. gubernatorial candidate Al Checchi(D) will address the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., Nov. 18, St. Francis Hotel, S.F. For info/RSVPs ☎(415) 597-6705...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Nov. 16-19	IAPC Annual Conf., Buenos Aires.
Nov. 18	46th AD Special Election (primary).
Nov. 20	9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to hear CA Term Limit case once again.
Dec. 1	CA Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George addresses TownHall, L.A.
Dec. 1	Re-trial of Rhonda Carmony-Rohrabacher in Orange Co.
Dec. 3-5	Sessions on Tourism & Future of Western Legislatures. Sponsored by Council of State Govts.- West. Kohala Coast, Hawaii.
Dec. 5-9	Council of State Govts. annual meeting, Honolulu.
Dec. 3-6	Nat'l League of Cities meeting, Philadelphia.
Jan. 5	CA Legislature reconvenes.
Jan. 13	46th AD runoff election.
Jan. 14	U.S. Rep. Jay Kim(R-Diamond Bar) to be sentenced for accepting illegal contributions.
Jan. 26-28	Amer. Assn. of Political Consultants Winter Conf., Fairmont Hotel, S.F.

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CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Oakland Mayor's Race** - Now that former CA Gov. Jerry Brown is an official candidate for mayor of Oakland, here's the way Brown stacks up in a poll conducted by S.F. based-Solem & Associates (Sept. 8 & 13), 400 r/v. When matched against Oakland Councilman Ignacio De La Fuente and Alameda Co. Sup. Mary King, Brown gets 47% vs. 12% for Ignacio and 19% for King, with 22% undecided. In a match where current Mayor Elihu Harris is substituted for King, Brown still wins: Brown 46%, Harris 21%, Ignacio 12%, with 21% undecided...

■ **L.A. Assessor Hahn Seeks Reelection** - L.A. Co. Assessor Kenneth Hahn will seek a 3rd term in 1998. Hahn has been endorsed by all 5 county supes, L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, L.A. Co. Sheriff Sherman Block, L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti and L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn. The Kamber Group/L.A. will run the campaign, with fundraising under the direction of Brian Rix & Pat Bradford...

■ **Carmony Pleads Guilty to Misdemeanor** - Orange Co. GOP campaign operative Rhonda Carmony has plead guilty to a single misdemeanor campaign reporting violation, stemming from a '91 city council election in Diamond Bar. Carmony was fined \$13,500 and placed on 3-years probation. She is to be retried on Dec. 1st in connection with felony campaign fraud charges, arising from the 1995 recall election of Doris Allen. Carmony attorney Creighton Laz, in a statement to the news media, made it seem as though Carmony's misdemeanor was nothing more than failing to file campaign reports. But the official *trial brief* by Deputy DA John Anderson is much more damaging. Ironically, the PAC Carmony was working for in '91 was aiding then GOP Assemblyman Paul Horcher of Diamond Bar. Very interesting stuff...

CA LINCOLN CLUB ACTIVITIES IN L.A. & SAN DIEGO.

Lincoln Club/San Diego chpt. holds a GOP Unity Event, featuring *The American Spectator's* David Brock, 5:30 p.m., **Nov. 18**. For info (619)642-2936...San Diego Mayor Susan Golding(R) at the LC/Downtown L.A. chpt., 12 noon, **Nov. 19**...Asst. AG Dave Stirling at the LC/South Bay chpt., 12 noon, **Nov. 21**...Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi at the LC/San Gabriel Valley chpt., 7:30 a.m., **Nov. 21**. The contact for these last 3 Lincoln Club events is Sheila McNichols at (626)969-1304...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Former Assemblyman Phil Soto(D) died Nov. 4 after a long battle with cancer. He was 71 and represented parts of the San Gabriel Valley when he was in office. R.I.P...

● Kathleen A. Milnes has been named Sr. VP of Public Affairs for the Entertainment Industry Development Corp. in L.A...

● U.S. Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon(R-Santa Clarita), has named L.A. Daily Journal editor David Foy as his district & communications director...

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